### RAINS IN CALIFORNIA. DEMOCRATIC GERKYMANDERING - TOUR-

ISTS-REAL ESTATE-ORANGES ABY TELEGRAPH TO THE PRINCIPAL ) San Francisco, Nov. 24 .- The great rainstorm which has lasted in most parts of the State for two

weeks is practically ended. The weather has been warm, and has been of incalculable benefit, as it has given vegetation a great impetus, and has started the ploughs fully one month earlier than last season. The total rainfall for the month ranges from three to six inches, the average being four and a half. This rainfull in November has been surpassed only in five years since '49. heaviest fall was 11 34-100 inches in '86. Other which the fall was six inches or over in November are 1852, 1859, 1864 and 1875. noticeable that in all cases when heavy rains fall in November the winter is wet, with a total rainfall of between twenty-five and thirty-five inches Farmers and fruitgrowers are sanguine of a good season, and a larger acreage will be planted to raisin grapes and fruits than in any previous

The beauties of the Democratic gerrymandering of the State five years ago are shown in the recent election. The redistricting of California should have been done by the Republicans in 1881, as they had the Legislature; but they went to pieces over the debris question, and the redistricting of the State fell into the hands of the Democrats. The districts were fixed up so that the Democrats could capture the lion's share of Congressmen. The Ist, IId, IVth, and Vth were purposely made close, while the IIId was made so heavily Republican that it has never given less than 3,000 majority, and this time gave 5,248 majority for McKenna. The VIth was regarded as so sure for the Democrats that little attention was paid to it, but the recent influx of Eastern people has made it the great Republican stronghold of the State. The result of this gerry mander is the crowding of the 11,000 Republican majority into the IIId and VIth Districts, while the Ist, IId and Vth are so close that the result frequently depends on less than 100 votes. There will be a reform at the coming redistricting, and if the State then be divided honestly and according to the intent of the law, there is no reason why the Republicans should not be sure of electing their whole Con-

The official canvass of the city vote was finished only last night, mainly because of the large number of errors found in the tally sheets. Simple addition appears to have been too complicated mathematics for many of the election officers, and their errors would be a disgrace to a child of ten years. Ciunie, Democrat, is elected in the Vin Congressional District by a very small majority, which makes the delegation stand as it did hast time-four Republicans and two Democrats.

Disastrous betting on Cleveland is assigned as the reason for the failure of many Oakland property-owners to pay their taxes. The delinquent fist this year amounts to about \$40,000. Last year it did not exceed \$15,000.

The consolidation of the Union and the Pacific lubs is being discussed. Each club has about on members, although about one-third belong

The advance guard of New-England excursions suched here this week. All the railroad manreached here this week. All the railroad managers predict a great rush of tourists to California this winter, and the indications are that the northern and central counties will receive more attention than Les Angeles and San Diego. Both the Southern and Santa Fe systems will run vestically the control of the country of the layer loss over tibule trains, as the demand for inxurious over-iand trains, run on ripid time, has increased greatly during the last two years.

Senator and Mrs. Stanford held a reception Wednesday afternoon at their California-st. house, which was beautifully decorated with flowers. The Senator and wife leave for Washington next Wednesday, where they will spend the winter.

Another block near Golden Gate Park was cold at auction this week, and brought \$67,000. The block is bounded by McAllister, Fulton, Lyon and Lot sts., and comprises thirty-eight lots. The cable road passes along McAllister-st.

This year's wine crop will not exceed 17,000,000 railons. The wine is so deficient in color, ewing to insufficient ripening of the grapes, that old wine is in demand to heighten the time. About 4,000,000 gallons of this season's vintage will go into brandy next month.

The State Viticultural Commission will open in The State Viticultural Commission will open in Platt's Hall a permanent exhibit of California wines and branches suitable for immediate consumption, and a free sample-room will be provided for purchasers. It will give wine-makers a good opportunity to exhibit their products, and will enable a purchaser to make his selection without a visit to the vineyards. Connected with the hall will be a cafe, where wine and the can't be, of course! Look here?"

It can't be, of course! Look here?" be sold by the glass.

Oranges in Secramento, Marysville and Oraville large. The groves in mental and ruined by the scale, upon which no pest destroyer seems to have any influence. The southern counties expect to have their boom revived this winter, when the tourists come in

## SENSATIONS IN CHICAGO.

AN ALLEGED "BOODLE" CASE-HORSE-SHOW-WEDDINGS-THEATRICAL (BY TELEGRAPH TO THE THIBUNE.)

Chicago, Nev. 24 -- It looks as though Chicago was about to enter upon a second era of dynamits and boodle" violations. The trial of three men charged with conspiracy to take the lives of Judges Gary and Grinnell and Inspector Bonfield, begins Monday, and "boodle" story promises to be brought out in conschemes now before the Council. "The Times" here has been freely charging the State-st. elevated road with corruption, and at last the road has brought suitegainst that paper for libel, placing its damages at \$250,000. The soit is generally regarded as a "bluff," but the opinion is general that the ordinance for the State-st. road will be granted either on Monday next or at an early meeting of the Council thereafter. active operations at once upon the construction of the road, confident that its legal position is so soundly fortified that injunction proceedings will not lie against it. If the ordinance passes, "The Times" promises to expose the plot, and says it possesses specific information of the alleged villany that will not be poses, when, as probable, that villany takes concrete form to lay its information before the Grand Jury. will aid to its utmost the proper authorities in an

Mr. Clarkson, of lowa, arrived here from New-York via Indianapolis early in the week, and has been resting here for a few days before going to his home. During his stay here a committee from the Veteran Union League called upon him, and presented him members of the sub-committee of the National Committee for giving the veterans the use of the Audigiven just before the National Convention. In his tribute to the part taken by the old soldiers in the saw 75,000 men carrying American flags marching up Fifth-ave., and 250,000 more on the sidewalks, I knew our cause was invincible. You may talk of the tariff as one of the causes of our victory, but the most potent element in our strength lay in our American flag, and the Union soldiers gave it that

This has been a gay week in society, and there have been no end of weddings, receptions, dinners and teas. Among the former was the marriage of H. H. Honore, jr., to Miss E. M. Jones, youngest daughter of J. Russell Jones, who was Minister to Belgium under General Grant. Harry Honore is ell arrown here and in New-York, and is a brother of Mrs. Fred. Grant and of Mrs. Potter Palmer. Another brilliant wedding was that of Miss Peasley to Prederic A. Delano on Thursday night. Miss Perkins, of Boston, was one of Miss Peasley's bridesmaids, and Mr. Delano's best man was William P. Howams, of Baltimore. The ushers were Charles ard Elliott, James Russell and James Starrow, of Boston. The engagement of H. A. De Windt and Miss Mandell, of Hartford, Conn., a sister of Mrs. W. B. Stope, is announced.

A view of the Ehricle collection of Dutch pictures

at the Art Institute on Thursday, attracted a fashion-able crowd. The Horse Show, which comes to an end to-night, has attracted great crowds all the week. but the display has not been a creditable one. draft horses and roadsters were fine, but the exhibits of all other classes were poor and meagre. The jumping was an utter farce, as most of the horses and riders had apparently never been over timber, and the highest jumps made were but a little over three feet. A boy of ten or twelve years, on a very small pony, carried off all the honors, actually mak-ing the highest jump of any. The programme all during the week was monotonous, and consisted, with but alight variations, of exhibitions by the Fire and Police Patrol Departments, the display of the Caton horses, Potter Paimer's coach and his coachman driving six horses, and the above-mentioned jumping

The sixth annual convention of the National Guard Association of Illinois, which was held here this week, adopted resciutions recommending the formation of signal corps; provision for the re-enlistment of men for short terms of one year, after the expiration of their term of three years; provision for permanent exemption from jury duty after ten years of service in the National Guard; and for the abolition of inde

Remarkable preparations are being made on the West Side for Coquelin's appearance here on Monday. According to "The Journal," "Le Club Coquelin" is the latest social development in Chicago. Its sessions are devoted to reading and discussion of the plays to be presented here by the French actor. The plays are read and talked about in French, and when Coquelin comes the club will attend in a body.

The retail druggists here are waging war on the high telephone charges, and are urging the city to refuse to extend the campany's franchise until the matter of prices shall have been brought before the Legislature, which meets in January. At a meeting which the druggists held the other night, committees were appointed to confer with the Mayor and Aldermen on the subject

Ex-President Hayes came here this week to attend the meeting of the State Board of Charities, and the reception given him at Farwell Hall when he arose to deliver his address on Prison Reform was a remark The ball was filled to overflowing, and when Mr. Hayes was introduced he was received with the most enthusiastic appliance, which ended in three ringing cheers, when an old Grand Army man in the galiery shouted out, "Three cheers for our ex-Presi-dent Hayes."

dent Hayes."

The success of "Nadly" at the Grand continues uninterrupted. It is the most profitable engagement ever played at the theatre, and every night since its first presentation here, two weeks ago, standing-room has been at a premium. The McCaull company in "The Lady or the Tiger!" has also had a good fortnight of it at the Chicago Opera House, while Mrs. Potter, at McVicher's, and "The Bells of Hastemere" at the Columbia, have not done very well. The last named play was thought good for a long run at the Columbia, but it will have to be withdrawn after to-night. A. M. Palmer's "Private Secretary" company has been engaged to fill in next week, and "The King's Fool," the first production under the Conreid contract, is teing actively rehearsed. Baker's Theatre, a handsome new house in Wabashave, near Nineteenthest. some new house in Wabash-ave., near Nineteen was opened this week with "The Pearl of Pekin."

#### ME. AND MRS. BOWSER.

SOME OF THEIR MATRIMONIAL EXPERIENCES. From The Detroit Free Press.

I suppose every husband is subject to what might be called "sudden fits," and I hope every wife tries to bear up under them with philosophical patience. The other sunday morning, two minutes after Mr. Bowser had gone to his room to get ready for charch, he roared at me (Mrs. howser) over the bannister:

"Mrs. Bowser, are you the woman of the house or only a lady boarder!"

"Why. desp?"

"Don't why dear me, Mrs. Bowser! If I pretended be a housekeeper I'd look after things once in a

ite!"
'Anything wrong!"
'Anything wrong! Do I waste my breath in

talking when everything is all right?"
What is it?" I selled as I reached the head of the

He held a clean shirt in one hand, and with the ther he pointed to it with a dramatic flourish and

aind of a wife you are!"

"M: Lowser, do you mean shirt buttons?"

"Do I! You don't suppose I'm looking for overcoat buttons on my shirt, do you?"

"Well, then, you haven! had a shirt button on your
shirts for ten years. You and all others use collar
buttons. Your collar buttons are in the shirt you
have on." It struck him all in a heap. He saw how he had trapped himsels, but he went to his room, muttering: "That's it! She always has an excuse ready for reacything."

crerythin."
One awful hot day in July he spoke about changing his seeks after his bath, and I teld him in the piamest of English flut he would find clean ones in his lowest bureau drawer. That night he came home and began; "Can you tell me what day during the next month you will have two minutes to spare?"
"Because, if you ever get them, perhaps you can devote a few seconds to darning the holes in my socks. I've had to limp around all the afternoon on that account."

it can't be, of course! Look here?"

Ite pulled off his shoes and lo! he had on his heavy winter socks, every thread wool. There were two or three holes, out they were not to be darned until fall, of course.

"Mr. Bowser, where did you get those socks?" I asked.

"Out of the trunk in the clothes-press, of course."

Out of the trunk in the clother present in July:
And you go and put on January socks in July:
a have six pairs of clean cotton socks in the lower
wer of the bureau."
"I'll bet you \$10,000 there isn't even one pair
re! I looked through every drawer five times

there! I looked through every drawer five times over!"
I took him up and showed him the socks, counting them out pair by pair, and he looked at me very seriously and observed!
"Tes, I see 'em, but were they there when I looked for 'em! How easy for you to have sneaked up and placed 'em here an hour ago!"

He had some wearing apparel which he said I might sell to buy some toys for the baby. I got the clothes down and went through every pocket twice over. In one of the coats I found a receipted bill for \$26 worth of lumber, and I laid it on Mr. Bowser's desk. A man came for the clothes and took them away, and three hours later, when Mr. Bowser came home, I told him of my bargain.

"You got just half what he would have paid me," he replied, and the subject was dropped for half an hour. Then all of a sudden he jumped up and exclaimed:

would!"

"Done what!"

"I remember that I left a valuable paper in that brown coat. It was a receipted lumber bill, and they may send the bill again an day!"

"I looked in the pockets."

"Oh, yes, you looked! You looked just like any other wife who was in a hurry to get the clothes out of the house and the money in her hand."

I went and got the receipt and asked him if that was the one. He grudgingly admitted that it was, and added:

"I presume the old clo' man found it and rend added:
"I presume the old clo' man found it and reread it. I must reward him for his honesty."
It was only three nights ago that Mr. Bowser
ok \$5 from his wallet and handed it to me with the
mark:

took \$5 from his wanter and named it to remark:

"The man won't probably come with the oats until after I have gone in the morning. Take this and pay him." Next morning he sat down to breakfast looking so very sober that I asked:

"Are you sick. Mr. Bowser!"

"I ought to be. When people are robbed they are generally made sick."

"Have you been robbed?"

"I have."

"When!"

"Last night."

For mercy's sake! but did some one get into our "I do not know. When I went to bed last night I had \$55 in my wallet. This morning I have only

O."

"You don't say!"

"It seems very queer to me, Mrs. Bowser. If you get money why don't you ask for it!"

"You don't think I took your money, do you!"

"It's very mysterious."

"Why, say, you gave me that five for the feed

man."

Mr. Bowser's countenance fell just twenty-six inches in the next two seconds, and in his confusion he agreed that the money was now accounted for all right. However, on second thought he observed:

"I will overlook it this time, Mrs. Bowser, but don't presume upon my good nature in future!"

From The St. Paul Pioneer Press.

A quiet man with a very forid face was in a crowd of hotel loungers up-town the other night, and the discussion turned upon "beating" the weighing machines which respectfully request that a nickel be put into the slot. Ore fellow could beat it with a wire pushed in unai it nuched the spring which puts the weighing machinery at work and lots the needle loose. Another made 'a work by inserting a limite blade, and another put in a tinfoll nickel nicely adjusted as to size and shape. The quiet young man said soborly: "Why put in anything? Blow into the slot," and jumping upon the platform he fastened his mouth over the slot, and puffing out his cheeks threw a small cyclone into the works.

Sure enough the old thing worked, and the needle registered his weight at 150.

"Well, I declare," said one man "I'll be blowed," said another, with a view of proprieties.

"The It," said the young man, "it's easy."

pricties.

"Try it," said the young man, "it's easy."

So they all tried it; puffed and blew and distended their checks until every one of them was tired; but it didn't work

"Blow harder."

They all blew until exhausted, and still the needle never budged.

never budged.

"That's funny," and the young man stepped up, blew into the hole, and it again worked sleedy.

"Why can't we do it?"

"Oh, you forgot to put a nickel in your mouth first."

The crowd fell down in the effort to reach the bar

FROM MANY POINTS OF VIEW HINTS ABOUT MEN AND MATTERS OF THE

DAY. General Harrison was recently elected an honorar member of the Republican National League. He has accepted the honor, and in a letter to President James P. Foster, acknowledging the certificate of membership, pays the young organization this com-pliment: "I have regarded this League organization as a most valuable agency in promoting the success of the Republican party. I accept this certificate of membership with pleasure and shall be glad to promote in any way that I can the success of the League." It has been unanimously decided that th League shall maintain a permanent organization Its second annual convention will be held in Balti more just before the inauguration, which will be attended by hundreds of clubs.

Some of the Mugwump papers have been trying to show that the small Democratic majority in Con-necticut was due to the coercive measures adopted by Republican manufacturers toward their employes. On this point the statements of Chairman Day, of the Connecticut Republican State Committee, ar somewhat interesting: "We were beaten in the manufacturing towns," he said, when here the other day " Five of them gave us nothing like the votes we had expected. Why? Simply because of the unwillingness of the Republican employers to do anything that might seem like coercion, and because of the old antipathy between capital and labor. If our manufacturers had done one-tenth as much toward influencing voters as the Democratic saloon-keepers did. we should have had the State by 2,000 or 3,000 pluraiity. The returns show that all our gains were made in the country districts. As it was, we gained two Congressmen and broke the Democratic ranks in such a way as to make the State ours hereafter."

Why didn't Ohio give a bigger Republican majority than 25,000? This question was asked ex-Senator Charles M. Ely, of Cleveland, the other day, at the Fifth Avenue Rotel. "Pil tell you," he replied. "It was because all our heavy guns were off helping to save the doubtful States. McKinley, as you know, save the doubtful States. McKinley, as you know, was on the road in the South, West and East right up to the last minute almost. He never made a specin his own district until about a fortnight before Foraker was on here helping the party in New-York, New-Jersey and Connecticut. and Sherman were called everywhere, and as we all knew the old Buckeye State was safe and sound, w rather neglected her for the sake of the rest. Still, we managed to gain three Congressmen. That is pretty fair work, is it not !"

Mr. Ely was asked. "I am sure I don't know," was his answer, "but I'm inclined to think he prefers It would be difficult for him to add to the honors he won in the Treasury Department, though certainly no as a Senator rather than a Cabinet officer. Such me as he and Edmunds and the other great statesmen are needed in Congress." Mr. Ely will spend the winter in Europe. He sails on the Aurania next

sion for the Eevision of the Excise Laws will not recommend any radical measures to the Legislature. Possibly not, but from the way one of the members talked the other evening there is reason to think their man, who is one of the leading Commissioners: "I am inclined to think that the sentiment of our Board will be in favor of sweeping away all distinction between a beer and a whiskey license. That is one license fee for all, and this will probably be fixed at \$200 or \$300. The reason for this is apparent. Every one knows that there is scarcely a beer shop in existence that does not also sell spiritness liquors. It is folly to close one's eyes to that fact, and I do not believe there is a man on the Commission who thinks of doing so."

The question of allowing bar-rooms to open for a certain time on Sunday was touched upon. "I doubt if any recommendations will be made on this point. Certainly the Commission holds no unanimous opinion sweeping entirely. From 2 to 7 p. m. would be better the Sunday-school. Shorter time than this would not so I think we shall harnly be able to agree on the sufficiently to make a definite recommendation. The license fee, as I said, will be fixed at about \$200 or \$300, but there will probably be a distinction made between the country and the city in regard to this, in favor of the country places."

Temperance Union that the screens and blinds in front of the bars should be abolished by law. The Commissioners do not see much force in this, but they do be lieve that it would be an excellent plan to have all such obstructions taken down during the hours when

gress he offered a bill providing that the Government should acquire the property on which the ruins of old Fort Ticonderoga stand. The proposition met with genral favor, but the measure was crowded to the wall by the press of other business and fulled to become a law, to the great regret of everyone interested in the historic pile that is fast crumbling into a shapeless heap of stones. Recently there has been a repeople of Northern New-York, with a view to securing a reinfreduction of Mr. Burleigh's bill or one similar to it this winter. There is certainly a strong public sentiment in favor of the idea, which could be carried into effect without taking more than \$25,000 or \$50,000 from the surplus.

the showing Eric County made on the State tichet. "It rather took our breath away," he said, " for we really expected better things. We could not over-come the opposition to high-license. It was pronounced and aggressive, and withstood all our efforts. It will take time to educate our people up to the advantages of the new system, but it can be done and

downtown produce dealers and marketmen. He owns a pretty farm over in Bergen County, N. J., and his estry goes back to the first settlement of Jersey by the Dutch. He takes great pine in his live slock, but his heart's affection is wrapped up in a high hat of the vintage of '37. It has not carried its age as well as the old man, but this does not worry him. He is a Democrat and a Free Trader of the most circlent type. He visited the city almost every day before election, went among the commission merchants and used up about \$20,000 worth of their time in compelling attention to his free-trade arguments. The election did not cure him, and he is more rabid now the evils of protection in a Vesey-st. grocery and had just depicted the ruln that would come under Repub rack near the ceiling and landed plump on the old man's head. He disappeared under the hat brim, and after he had been rescued and stood dismally con-templating the wrecked tile, an Irish porter accosted

"Shure, Mr. Van Boskerek, the ham agrees with yer argument and has shown ye that there is no protection

Hospitals are now so neat, clean and free from noisome odors, that the inconvenience and dread of tckness among the people who have to go there for reatment are removed in a large degree, and the rough edge of misery and the touch of pain are made so smooth and light by acts of charity that even the passage to the grave is fringed with delight and pleasure. It was not always so. Hospitals until even within the last ten or fifteen years were veritable pest-houses, and the surgical wards were heavy laden with the odor of putrefying flesh. Erysipelas and hospital gangrene were so prevalent that it was a surgical operation. Pysemia, or blood-poisoning, was always present, and the patients who passed through the scourge unscathed and finally recovered were thought to have a miraculous escape. Professor

otective-submissive order, or patronizing swagger on the one side and envy, jealousy, prejudice and hate on the other. The latter condition usually prevails. ch were not the case the State might abolish the police. The N. A. A. A. A. hopes to meet the A. A. U. U. S. at Madison Square Garden on December 15 in a friendly bout. May there be no scalps taken on that eventful occasion.

## A NIGHT IN A SNAKE'S THROAT.

A STARTLING STORY OF THE AMAZON.

From The Boston Commercial Buildin.

That to fetch 250 pounds spice. The tract was intersected by creeks in all directions, along which timber
might readily be fleated to the river.

It was some ten days after our arrival at the concossion, when I took Murilla with me for a short expedition into the forest. It was a feast day with the Indians, and as we intended to return before evening we
left them all four in canon merch providing ourselves alls, and as we intended to return before evening we to them all four in camp, merely providing ourselves like a round of hard-tack apiece and some cold venison r tunch. At moon, where we sat down to cat our neb, Muerita discovered near by, a clump of low class bearing a yellowish berry. This fruit he prosend to recognize as familiar variety which he had in outen down toward the coast, though he had the outen down toward the coast, though he had the same has profore so far in the interior. After sting them he pronounced them delicious, but of some last different flaver, to those on the cost coast.

awhile in the darkness, and then all was silent. I had have sank into the unconsciousness of complete exhaustion. I remember nothing more until I came to my senses again in our came on the river hand. A couple of days' nursing by Murilla brought me round so that I could sit up and listen to his account of my rescue. The covid is the part of the consciousness was from Murilla. The effects of the Brrees had been thus stuncted until the dawn of the second day, the close of the night so full of horrible experiences to me. He had awakened, weak and burning with thirst. Rising up, he beheld not a dozen yards away my head and shoulders protruding from the mouth of a monsier boa, whose scalt body lay in serientine lengths among the debris of decaying forest thingus.

Taking it for granted that I was dead, and chilled

YACHTSMEN AT SCHOOL. USEFUL LECTURES BY NAVY OFFICERS.

VIEWING THE NAVAL RESERVE BILL WITH FAVOR-SOME OF ITS POINTS.

Now that the great majority of yachtsmen are un able to follow their favorite sport, the discussion of all varieties of subjects connected with amateur sea-manship is being assistiously followed. As interesting and important a subject as any is that of the Naval Reserve bill, and a great stimulus has been given to agitation in favor of its passage by the renewal of the course of instruction given by officers of the Navy before the Seavanhalia Yacht Club. The beneficial results of this school of training are shown as well by the freshly aroused patriotism of many of New-York's hest yachtsmen as by the fact, that on the membership list of the Seawanhaka appear the names of a number of officers of the Navy, and there are still more names on the list of candidates. This ing of mutual respect between professional seamen and earnest amateurs, a feeling upon which the success of the Naval Reserve provisions naturally must de-

The Naval Reserve bill, as draughted, is perhaps not as generally known as it should be. In its general characteristics it resombles the existing militia laws and provides for the enrolment of a naval militia. Its most important sections are as follows:

Section 2, which provides for the organization of ce tain commands under the State militia laws by voluntary

First. A naval reserve artillery to be trained to the reserve artifery to be installed in the handling of boats, target practice affoat and ashore, and to be made somewhat acquainted with man-of-war life and discipline. Second. A naval reserve torpodo cerps to be trained to the use of torpedoes, torpedo boats, mine-laying, counter-

throughout the country, that the details of organization and instruction shall be determined by the Navy Department, and that the Navy Department shall supply arms,

equipments and vessels for training purposes.

Sections 5 and 6, permitting the enrolment of a nayal reserve life-saving service, revenue marine, lighthoust ser-

of any steam-vessel which may have been found oualified by the Naval Board for service as an auxiliary naval vessel to take part in naval manoeuvres and drills. Section 9, according certain privileges to steamers commanded by naval reserve officers.

Section 10, providing that the Navy Register shall include the names of officers of the reserves.

Section 13, appropriating the sum of \$1,000,000 yearly for the purpose of starting and continuing the ope

zation and provide for the detail of naval officers for purposes of instruction and inspection.

Naturally, Section 8 will directly appeal to steam that New-York herself will furnish an entire squadron of large and powerful steamers capable of qualifying as auxiliary vissels in the Naval Reserve fleet. The American Yacht Club fleet alone contains material for a formidable squadron of swift gunboats. Many of the Jachtsmen, notably Commodore Etbridge T. Gerry, have maintained man-of-war discipline on not prove a strain. To judge from conversations Board will not want applications for enrolment, nor will there be a lack of candidates for examination as naval reserve officers, when the bill becomes a law.

Any number of strange rumors have been bobbing up for the last few weeks regarding impending challenges for the America's cup. All of them agree on one point-they do not anticipate a challenge from England itself. One story expects an attempt from Australia to wrest the coveted cup from the American cagle, and bases the probability of the suggestion on the visit here if an Australian designer. Another tale is that some of our Canadian neighbors up about St. Johns. New-Brunswick, are in all secrecy building a vessel with the speed of an arrow, which will come down here with a swish and snatch the silver tank-and. The last yarn throws suspicion on the Emerald yacht, are said to be in all secrecy building a large steel sloop, designed by Richardson, for the purpose of

so cool and philosophical did I begins studied by the second of situation that I concluded I must have suddenly gone if there was the slightest hope of escape, I argued with myself, it would be in keeping my presence of within myself, it would be in keeping my presence of mind and remaining perfectly quiet. Every straggle I might make to get loose, would land me an inch further down into the depths of the boal's slipnery tomb, by bringing into play the hooked faces, and arousing the activity of that heefthe suction force within.

From my school-bay recollectons of natural history came the conclusion that my devourer must have been as good twenty-four hours enguling me up to the waist, and that by offering a merely passive resistance I might keep my head and shoulders outside as long as life remained. From the time I discovered myself to be in the boal's lethiferous grip until the above sensible resolve was arrived at could hardly have been three minutes.

For the first time since recovering consciousness. For the first time since recovering consciousness.

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For the first time since recovering consciousness and the condition in the darkest of secrecy is suggestive. Why may it not be possible that the Canadian. Australian and Irish cup winners are supposed to be in the possible that the Canadian. Australian and Irish cup winners will sneak our relation for the winners are supposed to be in the darkest of secrecy is suggestive. Why may it not be possible that the Canadian. Australian and Irish cup winners are supposed to be in the darkest of secrecy is suggestive. Why may it not be possible that the Canadian. Australian and Irish cup winners are supposed to be in the darkest of secrecy is suggestive. Why may it not be possible that the Canadian. Australian and Irish cup winners are supposed to be in the darkest o as a thorough sportsman, who would jump at such a chance and take risks as to winning. The Yampa is one of A. Cary Smith's best schooners for seasoing, and is very fast besides. She proved to be everything that was hoped for when she was tried on her trip to the West Indes last winter. The race would certainly be one of much interest.

A trial yacht is being built for the purpose of test-

Norman L. Munro has sold the steam yacht Say When, which created a stir by her speed when she was built, to James T. Blandford, of Sing Sing, N. Y., for 845,600. General George S. Brown, of Baltimore, has had a 150-foot steam yacht built at Bristel, R. I. The yacht has been fixmed the Baltymena. She stopped here on her way to Moryland, and was anchored off the N. Y. Y. C. float, at East Twenty-sixth-st., for

The sloop Carmen, of Boston, the schooner Precto, and the steam yacht Natalie, of New-York, are in the sounds of North Carolina. They will cruise among the West Indies this winter.

The schooner Brunhilde, Captain John J. Phelps, will also spend part of the winter among the West Indies, she left Bermuda last week for St. Thomas. Mr. Phelps before his departure refused an offer of \$25,000 for his yarbt. Experts have pronounced the Brunhilde the staunchest sea going sailing yacht on the American list.

The steam yacht Susquebanna, Captain Joseph Stickney, was farnished with a new anchor at Norfolk, Valand is now on a hunting expedition in the St. James River.

THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S BEST PATRONS. From The Chicago Tribune.

Lister, when he applied the germ theory to the surgical treatment of wounds, revolutionized surgery, and the free use of antiseptics during operations and artiseptic dessings afterward has wrought this remarkable change in hospitals and made them free from contagion and pestilential influence.

If the partisanship of politicians were half as bitter as that of amateur athletes, there would be not election in this country without an extensive spilling of blood. The friction between the Amateur Athletes of Mational Association of Amateur athletes and the National Association of Amateur athletes, there would be softed united by the Carting me to the camb, resuscitative of sagt on our reign loursey down the river but my observed the Amateur Athletes of America has created a tremendous volume of smoke, that is almost ready to burst into flame. Boys will be boys. Nobody ever saw the day when young bucks could rub horns without quarrelling. When physical superiority meets physical inferiority.

ers who claim it has. There isn't so much money in the business as is supposed. In Chicago there are about 400 galleries. It costs all the way from \$300 to \$1,500 to fit up a gallery. Lennes cost the former sum, and the outlay is increased by the necessary accessories. Probably \$500 is the average sum invested in a gallery. Now it costs a man in round numbers about \$1 a dozen to produce cabinets. If he gets a dozen sittings a day, he is doing well. At the old scale of prices, \$3, \$4 and \$6, there was a good profit for all of us. Now, at \$1,00 for all odzen pictures, the majority gain only their livelihood. Many men have grown rich in the business by the exercise of natural tact, just as there are in every trade."

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"No one class. We like jawyers who are much in court. They have studied the effects of positions before juries. Cherks in dry-goods stores and jewelry sloeps are good subjects. They pose gracefully; their countenances learn to wear an urbane expression, even if it is a little mechanica! The ordinary business man, professional men aside from lawyers, and reckless spirits, such as speculators, are poor subjects. All of them, when they sland in front of a camera, get out of themselves, so to speak. They wear a for-the-ocasion expression. The instantantous method is a great corrector of this, still they are had subjects. Women are our difficult subjects. A woman will spend half an hour fideeting at a sixting, and not liking the result, will repeat it over and over again. They are never quite satisfied. Why, they say, 'can't we have such pictures as Lillian Russiell, or Modjeska, or Fanny Davenport?" These three are the average femining ideals as photographic subjects. They come to the gallery often with their complexions made up for the occasion. Now, most acreesses never put a particle of paint upon their faces when they pose. A slight touch of ink on the eyelashes is all that is judicious. Except for this, the queen of the footlights washes her face perfectly clean."

#### THEATRE USHERS.

AN INSIGHT INTO SOME OF THEIR TRICKS. A habitual "first-nighter" was noticed coming out of an uptown theatre after the first act, the other

evening, in no very enviable frame of mind. circumstance to these confounded ushers," he mus tered, audibly.

"Matter? Matter enough," was the sour response. Then with a brightening countenance he threw open his coat-front for more a'r. and proceeded to unfold his tale of wrong.

fourth row of the orchestra, and when I handed my seats in about the tenth row back. I protested that they were not my seats, but the usher blandly assured me that I must be mistaken, as the coupons called for the seats he showed me. I looked at the coupons, and, sure enough, he was right. He must have made a dextrous exchange while coming down the aisle for I could swear that the tickets I bought were for seats in the fourth row. However, I succumbed to which should have been mine. Just after the curtain rose this same usher conducted two beaming young evidently friends of his, for they gave him a sweet smile and a whispered injunction as he left them. Now Harrison's election couldn't be more certain than the fact that this usher cheated me out of my I got were the worst in the house, I believe; and to a tall hat in front of me, and a fat, hald-headed man just behind me who breathed on my neck with a breath that was strong enough for him to lean up against when he got tired. Can you wender that I

"Well, no, scarcely," replied the friend. "But I am astonished that a man of your experience should submit so quietly to what you endured. Why didn's you call another usher and slip him a quarter? He would then have played the same trick on somebody else, and you would have gotten just as good seate as those you were cheated out of. It is a simple remedy. Many a time when all of the good seats in the house have been sold I have gone in early with coupons for scats near the door, and with the aid of half a dollar have had my pick of the house. Those fellows make big money in that way, and they do their work so well that they seldom get caught. You the matter rests. If you make a disturbance, you are put out. It requires a pretty good head to reone evening, but practice makes them expert. only get a dollar a performance for ushering, so they money. Of course, the seven dollars a week they get for this work is not all of their honest carnings, for as a general thing they are employed in the daytime as clerks and counter-jumpers. The Saturday half-holiday helps them out on the matines. I have known some ushers to make as high as \$25 a week extra by selling seats, for often when houses are running light people buy a 50-cent admission ticket, and give the usher a quarter more, thus getting a

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"Why doesn't somebody make a complaint to the managers!" suggested a third patron, who had been an interested listener.
"It has been done time and again," replied the posted one, "but it is of no avail. The managers promise to suppress the practice, and I will do them the justice to say that they have attempted to do so, but the ushers are too clever for them. Watch them how you will, you can never eatch them red-handed.

A SINGULARLY GENTLE SQUIRREL. From The Dawson (Ga.) News.

A trial yacht is being built for the purpose of testing, in next summer's steam yacht races, the speedy dualities of the new Echhardt system of propulsion. This consists of four cylinders, each connected with an engine in the vessel, which are mounted to be relipiocated through a waterpreof packing in recess; made below the water line in each side of the hulf, and extending a short distance forward from the stern. There are two of these cylinders on each side of the vessel, and on their outer ends are up and 40 wm flauges, on which vertical steel paddies are hitged one on each cylinders for forward and one for backward movement. The cylinders are cache could do a cross-head running on sides in a hort could be full longer to the first lo

From The Enitimore American.

As for the monleys in Professor Brockman's collection, they are simply astonishing. They are kept in cages, and are very clean—so much so that when one of them happens to dirty fiself, all the others notice the fact immediately, and jeer and make the wryest of wry fares at the misbehaved one. Each moukey has its own plate to eat from, and knows it, and actually refuses to eat from anyhody else's plate. Their training takes a long time and much trouble, because they are restless and inattentive. Yet it is more thoroughly done without the use of foreible or very severs means than with. It is bad policy to hurt from, because they are extremely sensitive and nervous, and a little ill-treatment will kill them. For this same reason they never perform more than ten consecutive minutes at a time, and, although they can bear beat and cold pretty well, they must be carefully kept out of draft. There is one monkey that rides on horseback, dressed in a red coat, and with a silk hat on. He looks, from behind, altogether like a ministing hunisman, and when seen in from he resembles Voltace on horseback as much as one egg the other. Of course, these monkeys know their attendants by face, and pretty nearly by name. One, a little Pavian, the clown of the troop, and who jumps somersanits, the Barnum's best, took a dislike to the head attendant some time ago. It must be a strong grudeg, for whenever he sees him he makes faces at him, grideds his teeth together, shakes his fist and yanks. This came onimal is learning how to catch ittile sitels, then little flags, and will soon be sufficiently practiced to catch a fail. Mr. Brockman says he will teach another monkey how to pitch, and if he succeeds with this, will try to give persormances with a baseball inne composed of brute animals only.

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